Autumn Pilgrimage To Be Held October 21-23

Richmond, Va.- A delightful and rewarding day in the country during the crimson and gold of Virginia's Indian Summer may be had by those taking a tour of the great plantations along the lower James.

There is good news for those who missed last year's Autumn Pilgrimage, for it will be held again this year, on October 21, 22, and 23—and, of course, many who went on the first pilgrimage last fall will be even more eager to go again, especially with the added historic attractions of the old Charles City Courthouse, built of handsome brick in 1730, and the county relics to be on view in the old jail.

This year Shirley, Berkley, Evelynton, Sherwood Forest and Mount Stirling are the plantations which will be open from 9-5 on Friday and Saturday, October 21 and 22, and from 2-5 Sunday afternoon, October 23. Proceeds from the special block tickets will go to Charles City's Jamestown Festival Committee for use in developing a small county museum, historical library, and information center, according to the Virginia Travel Council.

Though the center is being prepared for the Jamestown Festival year of 1957, there will be a preliminary exhibit ready by pilgrimage time this fall. The relics will be displayed in the old jail, and you might try to time this part of your trip close to midday since luncheon will be served at the Courthouse nearby.

If you drive down scenic Route 5 from Richmond, the first plantation you will come to be will stately "Shirley," which has been in the Hill and Carter families since 1660. The group of 18th century buildings form a Queen-Anne four-court, unique in America. There are also stables, a smokehouse and dovecote of the same period.

The house was built between 1723 and 1740 and from its centuries of gracious living has a superb collection of ancestral portraits, family silver and furniture. Most striking of its interior architectural beauties is the "hanging stairway," of carved walnut without visible support. Here lived Anne Hill Carter, mother of General Robert E. Lee. Lee often visited "Shirley" which now has his baby bed on display.

Berkeley, reputedly the oldest three-story brick house in Virginia, and ancestral home of two Presidents, is the next Plantation you will reach. Exquisitely restored and furnished with period antiques by the present owners, one of its finest features is the hand-carved Adam woodwork installed in 1791.

Colonel Benjamin Harrison, son of the Benjamin who built the house in 1726, was a Signer of the Declaration of Independence. The Colonel's younger son, William Henry Harrison, was first Secretary of the Northwest Territory and as an Indian fighter was nicknamed "Old Tippecanoe"— a fame which carried him into the Presidency. His grandson, Benjamin also became President.

Peacocks on the spacious rolling lawn of Evelynton are symbols of its color and elegance. You will look far to find a rarer and more discriminating collection of antiques than you can see in this restored Georgian manor house. Many are family pieces, including the Duncan Phyfe dining table made for an ancestor, Jacob Ege, 150 years ago.

W. H. Harrison's running mate for the Presidency in the campaign of 1840 was John Tyler and 2their slogan was "Tippecanoe and Tyler Too." Harrison died a very short time after taking office and Tyler became President. When he retired from the White House it was to Walnut Grove, which he renamed Sherwood Forest because he fancied himself a Robin Hood of political outlaws.

The long white clapboard house, the "longest house in America" situated in its grove of century-old trees, was built by the Minge family in 1780. After Tyler bought it in 1842, he kept extending it until it was 300 feet along the front, although only one room wide. Even the wallpaper put on it in 1842 remains, and there are many mementoes of the Tylers whose descendants still live in the house.

The land on which Mount Stirling stands was patented in 1662 and probably the first house was built before 1700. The first house was torn down when the present one of homeburned bricks was built by William Jerdone in 1848. All the heart pine timber and black walnut for stair rail was cut and hand-sawed on the plantation and workers took two years to assemble the materials. One of its most unusual fixtures is the rare lard lamp chandelier in the parlor Sheridan used as an office when he and 30,000 men encamped on the plantation during the war.

Even if you don't have a car of your own, you needn't miss the Charles City pilgrimage. Bus service from Williamsburg and Richmond will be available every day of the tour. Write the Virginia Travel Council, Hotel King Carter, Richmond, Va., for descriptive folder.

QUICK THINKING

San Pedro, Calif.- The quick thinking of Kenneth Nordstrom, 16, saved the life of his niece, 3-year-old Marva Dean Allen, after she was bitten by a rattlesnake. Nordstrom sucked the venom from the wound and then rushed her to San Pedro Emergency Hospital. En route, he was stopped for speeding, but when his mission was explained, police took the child in their car and rushed her to the hospital. After treatment, the child was pronounced in good health.

In Fashion Now

There are, as usual, several "new looks" from Europe. In this columnist's opinion, a better descriptive term would be "new peculiar look." It is to the American woman's credit that she does not adopt these French designers' extreme lines per se.

Instead, we wear modified versions that have lost none of the smartness but all of the peculiar look. It amazes us that top American fashion magazines feel called upon to do two-page, and sometimes more, spreads on these imports. However, no harm is done and the bulk of the coverage is devoted to flattering clothes.

There is a definite "new look" to shoes this fall. The perfectly tailored day-pump has its ev... part. An example is a tawny calf, piped in bl...

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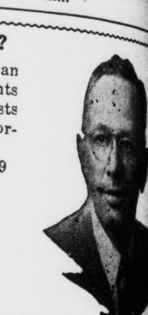
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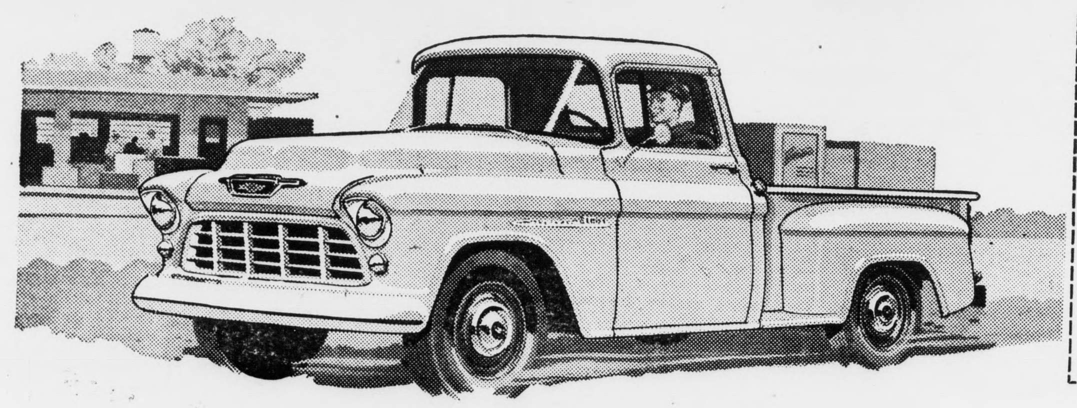

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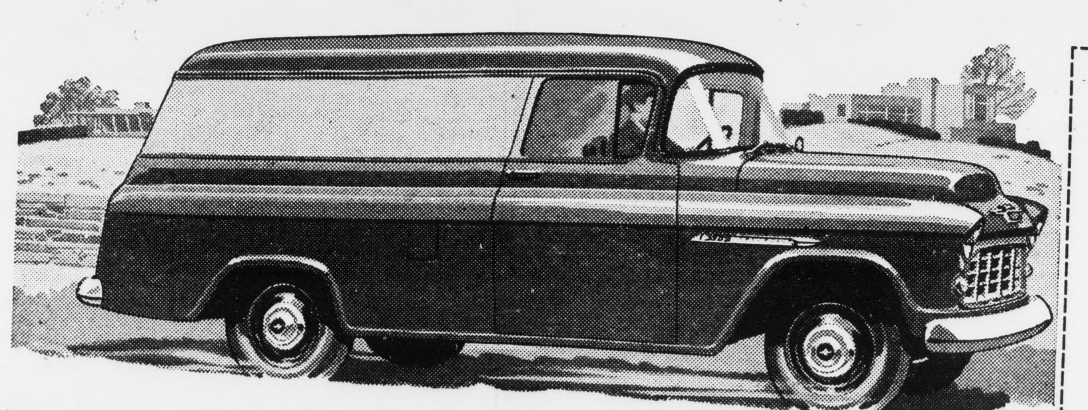

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Cheese Mellows

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...east into the cup of ...ater, add teaspoon of ... and let stand 5 minutes. Pour scalded milk into bread bowl, add the salt, molasses and sugar. Let cool. When lukewarm add softened yeast and whole wheat flour. Beat smooth. Then stir in the melted shortening (not hot) and just enough white flour to make a soft dough. Knead until thoroughly mixed. Place in a greased bowl, cover and let rise until double in bulk. Turn dough onto a board dusted with whole wheat flour. Roll into a square 1-4 inch thick. Cut into strips 4 inches long and 2½ inches wide. Place a slice of cheese 2 inches long and 1-4 inch thick on each piece of dough and fold remainder of dough over it, pinching edges together firmly. Place the rolls on greased biscuit tin a slight distance apart. Brush tops with fat. Let rise until doubled in bulk. Bake about 30 minutes in an oven 400 degrees for the first five minutes and 375 degrees for the remainder of the time.

Gooseberry Tart

Small pastry shells baked
3 tabelspoons sugar
1 tablespoon cornstarch
1 cup milk
3 egg yolks
Vanilla
Gooseberry jam

Add the cornstarch to the sugar, mix well. Add milk and well beaten egg yolks. Cook in double boiler until thick stirring all the time. Add vanilla. Cool. Fill the shells partly full of this cream and then fill to the top with gooseberry jam. To make a glaze use 1-2 cup of gooseberry jam with 2 tablespoons of water. Cook until very thick. Put a thin layer over tops of tarts to glaze.

Ham and Nut Sandwiches . .

1 cup finely chopped cooked ham
1-4 cup finely chopped nut meats
1 teaspoon mustard
4 tablespoons thick cream
Salt and pepper
Bread and butter

Mix the ham, nut meats, mustard and cream. Add salt and pepper to taste. Spread between slices of buttered bread.

Beef Sandwiches

1 1-4 cups cold roast beef
1 teaspoon salt
1 1-2 tablespoons tomato catsup
1-2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
1 teaspoon melted butter

Cut beef in small pieces, add the salt, catchup, Worcestershire sauce, and melted butter. Spread between buttered slices of bread.

Applesauce Spice Cake

1-2 cup butter or margarine
1 cup sugar
2 eggs beaten light
1-2 cup shopped nuts
1 cup chopped raisins
2 cups sifted cake flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1-2 teaspoon nutmeg
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 cup unsweetened applesauce

Cream shortening and sugar until fluffy. Add eggs and mix thoroughly. Add nuts and raisins. Sift dry ingredients together 3 times and add alternately with applesauce to the creamed mixture, beating thoroughly after each addition. Pour into a greased loaf pan and bake in an oven 350 degrees for 1 hour.

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MORE HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES SOLD IN '55

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Hunting license sales took an even bigger spurt. The 526,927 hunting licenses sold during the fiscal year just ended on June 30, was 25,028 more than the 501,899 hunting licenses sold during the year ending June 30, 1954.

It is estimated that there are a minimum of 150,000 people who hunt in Virginia and are not required to purchase a license, and another 200,000 who fish without a license as, for example, property owners on land where they reside. None of these figures includes the tens of thousands who fish in salt waters of the state and need not have incenses.

This means, of course, that more and better game and fish management is necessary to provide a reasonable amount of game and fish for the estimated more than a million men, women and children of the state who hunt and fish.

TINY TV CAMERA

Fuerth, Germany.- A German company has announced development of a television camera only 5.2 inches long and 2.6 inches wide, described as "the world's smallest TV camera." It is expected to be particularly useful in factory production control, and in exploration of ocean depths.

James River Plantations Open October 21-23

Richmond, Va.- The great river plantations of Charles City County, located between Richmond and Williamsburg on scenic State Route 5, give a glimpse of tidewater Virginia life in colonial and ante-bellum times, for they still keep the spacious leisure and elegance of those earlier times .. though good roads link them now for visitors who would then have made the trip by water or in the saddle, weary and dusty from the ride, according to the Virginia Travel Council.

"Shirley," "Berkeley," "Evelynton" "Sherwood Forest" and "Mount Sterling" will be the plantations open for the three-day Autumn Pilgrimage of October 21, 22 and 23, and the proceeds will go this year to the Charles City County's Jamestown Festival Committee to develop a small museum, historical library, and information center at Charles City Court House, in readiness for the 350th birthday of Virginia and the nation in 1957.

The Court House, built in 1730 of handmade and probably homeburned brick, will be as bustling those three festive days as in the court days of the past, which brought a buzz of sudden activity and business to the otherwise sleepy village.

The "ancient borough" of Charles City, on its historic peninsula between the James and Chickahominy rivers, has had its quiet shattered dramatically by skirmishes and by battles since soon after its naming in 1612 for the English prince who would become King Charles 1, and even before its name was extended to one of the original Virginia shires in 1634,—then a vast wilderness out of which 17 modern Virginia counties later on were carved.

The "Great Indian Massacre" of 1622 took its toll at Charles City and the outlying plantations of "Berkeley," "Westover," and "Weyanoke." Spear points and arrowheads still are turned up in the plowed fields and along the river beaches, though the dread shadow of the Indian with his drawn bow is gone forever.

This was the country of Bacon's quixotic rebellion in 1676, and during the Revolution Traitor General Benedict Arnold landed at "Westover" and, after his march on Richmond, returned to surprise and rout the militia of Charles City in the dark.

During the War Between the States, Union General McClellan's Peninsula Campaign of 1862 crisscrossed Charles City with bloody skirmishing, and after the Battle of Malvern Hill, his army of 80,000 was encamped at Harrison's Landing. At "Berkeley" today you can see of collection of contemporary prints of this invasion.

Debonair Jeb Stuart and his cavalry, riding the by-ways of Charles City County, outwitted McClellan, and put a verse into their song: "We are the boys that rode 'round McClell-e-an, bully boys, hey!"

Many records, removed to Richmond for safekeeping, were destroyed during the Evacuation Fire. However, there are still many colonial deeds and will books, marriage bonds, arrest warrants and other early court records still in the celrk's office.

Besides its Court House, the historic Salem and Westover Churches, and the stately plantations, Charles City County has its own folklore and its "han'nts." At the tip of Charles City, where the Chickahominy meets the James, is Dancing Point, where a man named Lightfoot is said to have argued with the Devil over a swamp and challenged him to a dancing contest. They danced all night long by the light of shooting stars and by morning the Devil was tuckered out and gave up. The place is still barren and strange lights are said to flicker there at night. You don't believe it? Well, there's only one remedy for that — come on down to Charles City and see for yourself!

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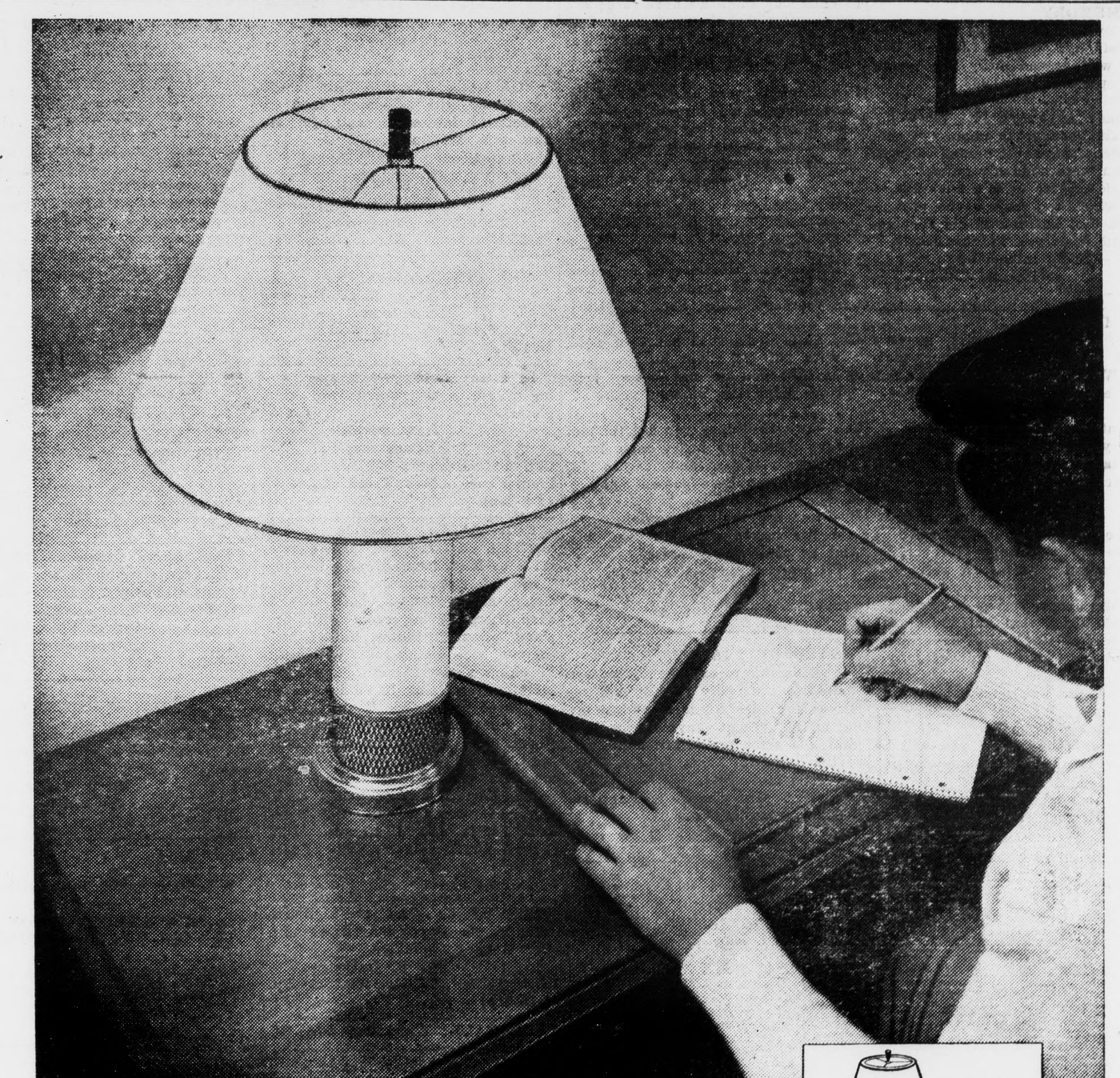

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